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Organic farming taking root at Whirling Thunder Ranch

John Kozlowski
 Staff Writer

In an attempt to better use the resources provided by Mother Earth as a means of promoting healthier foods for everyone, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education has helped establish a community garden at the Whirling Thunder Ranch site outside of Tomah. This is the first step in a process of a three-year project to be designated as an organic community.

Started on June 7, the organic gardening project is a nearly two acre plot that features a variety of pesticide free vegetables. Supporters of organic gardening believe that if reproduced on a larger scale, the foods grown would have the potential to reduce obesity and the rate of diabetes among Ho-Chunk members.

Hal Lingis (Ahpetauapun), a member of the Menominee Nation, hired as a consultant on the project, stressed the benefits of eating organic foods and the critical role that

microorganisms found in the soil and the body play in maintaining good health.

Concerned that Indian people are "being exterminated scientifically," Lingis is convinced that an organic food diet can help eliminate many of the health problems that are plaguing Native people.

Aware that the term "organic" has become a popular description applied to many foods as sales pitch by corporate America, Lingis explained that not all foods labeled organic are really 100 percent free of pesticides or other additives. The percentage of toxins that can be present and having the food still be classified as organic by the USDA "is toxic to Indian people," he warned. "Corporate America is high jacking the term."

Lingis believes that what a person eats determines who and what they are and that the microorganisms present in the ground and in everyone is the key factor that controls a person's health. He stated that to him, the key to good health is maintaining the ability to transfer some of the 26,000 healthy microorganisms located in the soil to the body. Because the transfer is accomplished by eating food, he believes that adding pesti-



Left to right: Hal Lingis (Ahpetauapun), Woodrow White and Martin Wyatt Roundstone at the Whirling Thunder organic garden site.

cides and additives to natural foods "breaks the link" between the microorganisms in the ground and those in the body. "All things are interconnected," he said.

Lingis continued that while they control the body, microorganisms affect everyone differently. "They are genetic triggers that train the human immune system." Because the microorganisms do affect everyone differently, he is certain that there is a much different level of microorganisms present when comparing thin and

overweight people. "The broken link, not necessarily the foods eaten is the cause obesity," he said.

Although his main goal "is to see Indian people get fit," Lingis acknowledged that in the future, the ability to grow organic foods has the potential to provide great economic benefits. Noting that George Soros, one of the richest men in America, has predicted that in the future, food will become more important than money, Lingis contends that for most Native tribes, organic farming provides a means of diversifying their business interests. "I hope the tribes see this," he said. "Those who prepare will survive. Those who don't won't."

Concerned that not enough people are doing it (farming organically), Lingis stated the Whirling Thunder site is an "experimental garden" with interesting challenges. He explained that because the soil present is about 96 percent clay, the challenge was to grow anything. "What you see here is a miracle," he said. He is confident "the miracle" could be duplicated throughout the

over 300 acre site.

Following a brief tour of the garden and surrounding area, Education Department Project Manager, Woodrow White, who along with youth worker Martin Wyatt Roundstone, has been work-

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THIS PUBLIC COMMENT IS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT HCN RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RULE 58 (B). THE SUPREME COURT IS ALLOWING FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REVISION CHANGES. THE REVISED LANGUAGE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL ADOPTION ON OCTOBER 07, 2010. WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX TO TARI PETTIBONE, SUPREME COURT CLERK. ORAL COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING AT THE HCN COURTHOUSE. ANY QUESTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TARI PETTIBONE, HCN SUPREME COURT CLERK.

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motion is considered denied. The time for initiating an appeal from judgment commences in accordance with the *Rules of Appellate Procedure*.

Revised Compromise language:

(B) Motion for Reconsideration. Upon motion of the Court or by motion of a party made not later than ten (10) calendar days after entry of judgment, the Court may amend its findings or conclusions or make additional findings or conclusions, amending the judgment accordingly. The motion may be made with a motion for a new trial. If the Court amends the judgment, the time for initiating an appeal commences upon entry of the amended judgment. If the Court denies a motion filed under this Rule, the time for initiating an appeal from the judgment commences when the Court denies the motion on the record or when an order denying the motion is entered, whichever occurs first. If within thirty (30) days after the filing of such motion, and the Court does not decide a motion under this Rule or the judge does not sign an order denying the motion, the motion is considered denied. The time for initiating an appeal from judgment commences in accordance with the *Rules of Appellate Procedure*.

In addition to the above proposed language, the following language is being added to the revision:

- **Exception.** A *Motion for Reconsideration* may be filed by a party within ten (10) business days after receipt of judgment in cases involving the HOCOK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT.

Thanks

I would like to thank the members of Area I, especially Henrietta Funmaker and Rosalie Brown Thunder, for sending my request for educational funding to the Legislature. I thank the Legislature, especially Greg Blackdeer for approving the cost of my senior of schooling at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, WI.

I recently completed the Summer OPS Program at St. John's Military. In addition to earning a promotion to Sergeant, I received awards for aviation and band.

Thorn WhiteEagle

NOTE: On June 29 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved a grant in the amount of \$39,905.74 from the Youth Assistance Fund for Thorn to attend St. John's. He earlier contributed \$58,489.54, taken from his trust fund account.

Through the years

News from 5, 10 and 15 years ago

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer
1995

In a Special Election held August 15, 1995, Chloris Lowe, Jr. defeats incumbent JoAnn Jones and becomes President of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Lowe is elected by a vote of 906-509.

2000

At its monthly meeting, the Wood County (WI) Park and Forestry Committee votes unanimously to cancel the proposed limited harvest cut of 1,500 trees at Powers Bluff County Park near Arpin, WI. Citing the suspected burials of their ancestors at the site and fearing the cut would disturb sacred gravesites, the Ho-Chunk Nation was of several tribes opposed to the cut.

2005

On July 26, 2005, newly elected District IV Legislators Ona Garvin and Alvin Cloud took the "Oath of Office" and joined the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Earlier that day, the Nation's Trial Court dissolved injunctions filed by defeated incumbents Christine Funmaker-Romano and Gerald Cleveland, Sr. that prohibited Garvin and Cloud from joining the Legislature as scheduled on July 7.

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Youth smoking rates drop dramatically

Program efforts, cigarette taxes help drive rates down

Submitted By
Beth Kaplan,
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Department of Health
Services

Smoking rates have fallen 15% among high school students and 9% among middle school students since 2008, according to the 2010 Wisconsin Youth Tobacco Survey. The survey, conducted bi-annually by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Instruction, included 43 high schools and 45 middle schools.

High school smoking dropped from 20.7% in 2008 to 17.7% in 2010; middle school smoking dropped from 4.3% to 3.9% in the same timeframe. Governor Jim Doyle credited statewide education efforts and state and federal cigarette tax increases for the decrease.

"Throughout my career as Attorney General and Governor, I have fought hard to keep kids from starting to smoke," Governor Doyle said. "Through our efforts - from preventing youth tobacco sales to passing legislation to make Wisconsin smoke free - we have made many great strides to protect the health of our families, our children and our workers."

The state's Tobacco Preven-

tion and Control Program is making an impact, according to Karen Timberlake, Health Services Department Secretary. Nearly 68% of the high school students and 54% of the middle school students reported seeing or hearing anti-smoking media messages in the month prior to the survey. The FACT program, (Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco) features youth taking the anti-smoking message directly to peers.

"To keep youth smoking rates falling, we will need a strong, ongoing commitment to tobacco prevention and control efforts in Wisconsin," Timberlake said.

"Nearly 80% of smokers start before the age of 18, and some 1,000 youth nationally become regular smokers

every day," said Timberlake. "Add those statistics to the \$4.5 billion that tobacco costs Wisconsin annually in health care and lost productivity, and it's clear that youth tobacco

prevention must remain a priority for our state."

For more on Wisconsin's tobacco prevention and control efforts, visit www.dhs.wi.gov/tobacco.

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Protecting Nation structures and buildings from forest fires

Waverly Bird
Youth Worker

The Ho-Chunk Nation DNR department has been working at the Andrew Blackhawk pow-wow grounds since the fall of 2009, clearing brush to prevent forest fires from getting out of control, if one should arise. "Wildfires differ from other fires in that they take place outdoors in areas of grassland, woodlands, bushland, scrubland, peatland, and other wooded areas that act as a source of fuel, or combustible material." (Wikipedia)

To start the project they had to do a year of paperwork and get BIA funds from the WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) projects. Edward Blackdeer, Ho-Chunk Nation DNR Laborer said, "We originally

started the WUI project last fall, then found out about the Pow-Wow grounds reconstruction this spring, so we waited until they finished. We continued the project on July 21, 2010 and finished the project on August 9, 2010."

Just to name a few sites, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) projects have also been done other around the Mission, Sandpillow, Blue Wind, the Ho-Chunk Village, and Indian Heights. Their next project is going to take place behind the Executive Building in Black River Falls.

Clearing the brush can take some time and be a very lengthy project. The first step is to use brush mowers and weed whackers to clear out all the small brush. Once that is complete then they have to



(L-R) Youth Worker's Thomas Redbird and Aaron Stumblingbear, Vance Giroux – Forestry Tech, Edward Blackdeer - DNR Laborer Tech, and Kelly Perkins – DNR Laborer. (Not pictured, Paul Youngthunder - DNR Laborer)



Brush cleared along the road at the Andrew Blackhawk powwow grounds.

use chainsaws to cut down smaller trees to up about to 6" in diameter along with dead trees and less desirable trees, which are also known as tree stand improvement (TSI). After they cleared out everything that would catch fire easily they haul away or chip up the brush. They have to do these steps once a year to maintain the pow-wow grounds and keep the brush down to protect the forest.

To take care of federal wild

fires, specific training is needed and the majority of the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR staff are qualified wild land fire fighters. Some of the training needed is **I - 100 Incident Command Systems, S - 130 Basic wild land fire, and S - 190 Wild Fire Behavior.** Then you must pass a work capacity test (Pack Test) annually which consists of walking for 3 miles with 45 lbs on your back in under 45 minutes.

Private home owners can perform WUI around their own homes and that means you would be reducing fuel around your home to make it defensible in case of wild fires. They would clear the brush around at the minimum of 30 feet around your structures.

Policing the Nation's lands

John Kozlowsz
Staff Writer

When the Ho-Chunk Nation establishes its own agency some of the duties given to law enforcement personnel may include those related to enforcing ordinances related to protecting the Nation's tribal resources.

Speaking at the **Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit**, held August 4-5 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Manager of Natural Resources, Sara Schmidt outlined some of the duties and responsibilities of the Nation's DNR.

The Nation currently controls nearly 9,000 acres of property in Wisconsin, including 5,443 acres of fee property and 3,535 acres held in trust by the BIA. The spread out land base presents challenges relating to the enforcement of tribal ordinances in the areas of hunting, trespassing, ATV use and the cutting

of timber of tribal property. Schmidt added that the recent tornado in Dells Dam serves as a reminder that the Nation needs to review and update its Incident Command System strategy.

Tribal ordinances that deal with hunting and ATV use are in place and Schmidt stated that part of what the DNR does is help tribal members follow the law by issuing maps and identifying fee and trust properties.

She reminded those attending the summit that all hunters need permission and a Wisconsin license to hunt on tribal property and a permit is needed to harvest any timber from tribal land. The most common offenses include non-members hunting on tribal lands, ATV uses destroying property and the unauthorized removal of timber for firewood.



Manager of the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources, Sara Schmidt.

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Nation prepares for its own police force

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

During the **Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit**, held August 4-5 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, law enforcement personnel from throughout Wisconsin and members of the Ho-Chunk Nation stressed the important role that members of the Ho-Chunk community will play when the Nation becomes the ninth Native government in Wisconsin to form its own law enforcement agency.

Former Ho-Chunk President JoAnne Jones, currently serving on the Nation's Law Enforcement Commission, stated that the Nation's expected announcement that it has selected a Police Chief is a historical event, one that was planned for as far back as 1994 when the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution was written. "Our people were always visionaries," Jones said. "Having a police force is an extension of our sovereignty."

Law Enforcement Commissioner Carson Funmaker stated that the expected appointment of a Police Chief "is just the starting point," another chapter in the Nation's effort to establish safer com-

munities throughout the traditional 14 county area in Wisconsin.

District II Representative Roberta Decorah believes that while the Nation has worked hard to establish positive relationship with county agencies through the state, the establishment of a tribal police force is the next logical step. She noted that each Ho-Chunk community has its own issues and believes "we can learn from the experiences of other tribes and law enforcement agencies."

Jackson County Sheriff Duane Waldera is confident that that the Nation establishing its own police force will benefit all Jackson County residents. "Safety is our number one priority," he said. "We support it."

In written responses, both Ed Wall, Administrator with the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigations and Wisconsin Attorney J.B. Van Hollen wished the Nation well. Wall wrote that while establishing a law enforcement agency is no small task, the Ho-Chunk people will always appreciate the effort. He pledged his offices' support. Van Hollen believes the

establishment of a law enforcement agency is a great step for a safer community. He too, pledged his support.

When named, the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Chief will have a wide range of duties. In addition to completing his own staff and working in the various Ho-Chunk communities, the Police Chief will be working with law enforcement and other agencies from throughout the state. Though a Police Chief could be named within the next month, law enforcement officials believe that with all the required steps, including the needed certification from the State of Wisconsin, it will be at least a year before Ho-Chunk officers help patrol Ho-Chunk communities. President Wilfrid Cleveland added that to succeed the police force will need a solid foundation and the support of the entire community. "We need to tie other programs to the law enforcement program. It's up to the entire community to work together. One person can't make it happen." He concluded that our elders have waited for us to take the next step to make our communities more secure for future



Rep. Roberta Decorah, President Wilfrid Cleveland and Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox agree the community will play a key role in keeping its members safe.

generations. "Times have changed. We need to change with it."

Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox believes that after 15 years the Nation is prepared to take the next step to protect its sovereignty. He credited the Ho-Chunk community for taking a proactive approach to the reported gang problem in Black River Falls, "the Ho-Chunk community, not the cops, identified the gang problem,"

and believes the time has come for the Nation to have the authority to police its own citizens. "We need to give Ho-Chunk kids self-confidence and role models," he said. Although Fox acknowledged there is work to be done, he is confident that in five years he will see Ho-Chunk law enforcement serve as expert witnesses and be teaching the next generation of Ho-Chunk police officers.

Obama signs Tribal Law and Order Act

Breaking News from Falmouth Institute's American Indian Report

On July 29, President Obama signed into law the Tribal Law and Order Act, legislation that takes a comprehensive approach to addressing the shortfalls in fighting crime in Indian Country. The House passed the legislation last week following the Senate's earlier approval on June 24.

Present at the signing ceremony, Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians, issued the following statement. "Today, by enacting the Tribal Law and Order Act, President Obama and the United States government reaffirmed its federal trust responsibility to work with tribal nations to strengthen our governments, our people and our communities. We will use the tools in the Tribal Law and Order Act to crack down on crime and make our communities safer."

The laws major provisions include:

- Evidence Sharing and Declination Data. Requires federal prosecutors to maintain data on criminal declinations in Indian Country and to share evidence to support prose-

cutions in tribal courts.

- Tribal Court Sentencing. Increases tribal court sentencing authority from one to three years imprisonment when certain constitutional protections are met.
- Federal Testimony. Requires Federal officials who work in Indian Country to testify about information gained in the scope of their duties to support a prosecution in tribal court.
- Tribal Police Access to Criminal History Records. Many tribal police have no access to criminal history records. The bill will provide tribal police a greater access to criminal history databases that provide them with essential information when detaining or arresting a suspect.
- Improves transparency in Public Safety spending by the BIA and requires greater consultation on the part of the BIA to tribal communities on matters affecting public safety and justice.
- Increased sexual assault training and standardized protocols for handling sex crimes, interviewing witnesses and handling evidence of domestic and sexual violence crimes in Indian Country.

- Increases recruitment and retention efforts for BIA and tribal police forces.
- Expands training opportunities for BIA and tribal police forces to receive training at state police academies and tribal state and local colleges where Federal law enforcement training standards are met.
- Increases Deputizations of Tribal and State Police to enforce federal law. Enhances Special Law Enforcement Commission Program to deputize officers to enforce federal laws on Indian lands.
- Authorizes deputization of Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys to prosecute reservation crimes in Federal Courts and encourages Federal Courts to hold cases in Indian Country.
- Authorizes the Drug Enforcement Agency to deputize tribal police to assist on reservation drug raids.
- Programmatic Reauthorizations. The bill will reauthorize and improve existing programs designed to strengthen tribal courts, police departments and correction centers as well as programs to prevent and treat alcohol and substance abuse. It will improve opportunities for

Organic farming

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ing at the site, stated, "we can learn to grow using the micro material that are right in front of you." Reminding everyone that corporate farms are producing foods strictly for profit, White added that we need to produce foods that provide the full health benefits. "A part of our tradition is letting Grandmother Earth take care of us," he said. He encouraged more people to get interested in the project. "Some people could even make it a career and use their knowledge to benefit the entire Ho-Chunk Nation membership and others," he concluded.

Lingis agreed that more people should be involved in the project. While his contract with the Nation expires on October 1, he added that he would like to see the community garden program expand. "I chose to work with the Ho-Chunk Nation because of their philosophy of doing things," he said. He stressed that throughout Indian County, tribal leadership needs to step up and take control. "Someone has to look out for the health of their people."

He concluded by thanking the Ho-Chunk Nation for the opportunity and acknowledged White and Roundstone for the "sweat they have provided." Grateful for the support provided by April Riley of the Division of Natural Resources, he especially wanted to acknowledge the support provided by Cecil Garvin. "Cecil stopped by when I was in the early stage of planting and offered words of encouragement. His support was very important to me."

Police program stresses community involvement

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

As the Ho-Chunk Nation prepares to establish its own tribal police force, the preparation is expected to include learning more about the communities that law enforcement personnel will be serving.

Noting that through the years the expectations of what law enforcement can provide has changed, David Rogers, currently Tribal Law Enforcement Programs Manager at Fox Valley Technical College, explained the importance of law enforcement personnel developing a positive relationship within the community during an appearance at the **Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit**, held August 4-5 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center. A 34-year criminal justice professional, Rogers has worked for both Native and non-Native agencies. He has provided Community Police Training to over 250 tribes in 32 states.

Recalling a time when police officers isolated themselves from the community and didn't get too close to the public, Rogers stated that out of necessity the way police officers operate has changed. Forcing the changes, he recalled, was the appearance of the first Native gangs in the mid 90's. Today, he said, "the police are the public. The public is the police and everybody is responsible for what

happens in their community."

Nationwide, the average response to a crime in the city is 22 minutes. To reduce that time, Rogers said that throughout the United States, in both Native and non-native communities, police departments are emphasizing the need to work with community members and create policies that make their communities a better place to live. "In a democracy we need to be accountable to each other," he said.

He believes that while some crimes have become sensationalized by the media and that modern technology provides access to information not before available, "there's not a lot of bad guys." Continuing that offenders, victims and a location are the three needed components for a crime to be committed, Rogers explained that law enforcement agencies usually have a pretty good idea of who the likely offenders in their community might be, who their victims will be and where the crime is likely to take place. For example, he stated that in a typical community 10 percent of the offenders commit 55 percent of the crimes. Ten percent of the victims account for 42 percent of the calls and 10 percent of the locations account for 60 percent of the calls.

A positive community approach to crime solving in-

cludes giving notice to the public and sharing some of the known information with them, Rogers said. He believes that by working with Social Services, clubs and schools, law enforcement can help the community address and solve problems as a team.

Throughout Indian County, community orientated police practices are taking hold. Rogers explained that once law enforcement identifies the benefits of getting involved, in most cases the communities have stepped forward. "The key is to make a group commitment to impact a problem identified by the community," he said. "Find one problem, no matter how small and work to solve it." For example, when one community was concerned that not having the house numbers on every house made it more difficult for emergency personnel to respond to a call, the community worked to get numbers on all the houses.

As a way of getting the community involved, Rogers favors "restorative justice," a means of community justice where by the community sentences to offender to community time in addition to whatever jail time a court imposes. Rogers believes "the bad guys need to do more than jail time. They need to repay the victims." He is concerned that too often the offender serves his jail time and

is set free while the negative effect the crime had on a person or the entire community still lingers.

Rogers stressed that part of law enforcement's responsibility is to teach the community not to be afraid. He explained that when crime strikes a community, the resident's only choices are "fight, flight or submit." He believes the only worthwhile response is to fight and the community needs to be taught how to fight for the changes that will make their community a better place to live. The way to fight fear and learn to deal with it requires a community effort, he said. He added that law enforcement has the responsibility to teach people who care about the community what they can do, give them hope that somebody is doing something to try and help them and have them prepared and ready to respond when something happens. He added that for their part, residents of the community need to ask what they can do to make their dream of a safer community come true. "People need to be uncomfortable with the current situation, be given a vision of something better and be given the resources to believe their vision is attainable."

Also currently serving as the Director of the National Indian Youth Police Academy that works with Native youth



David Rogers believes the community needs to work with law enforcement to better the community.

14-16 years old, Rogers concluded with the practical reasons why Native communities need to get involved helping law enforcement personnel. "Four years of one juvenile offender costs the community and estimated \$670,000," he said. "If drugs or alcohol are involved the cost goes up another \$500,000."

He noted that as works throughout Indian Country, he finds one common denominator among Native youth offenders. "They know little of their culture and language." To solve that he advocates teaching them a starting point to better our Native communities.

Working together *Building multi-jurisdictional relationships*

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

As the Ho-Chunk Nation prepares to establish its own police force, panelists at the recent Ho-Chunk Community Safety Summit discussed the need for the new police force to work with the community and with federal, state and county agencies.

Louis Gouge, Chief of Police of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Stephan Sinnott, Records Coordinator with the U.S. Attorney's Office-Western District of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Sheila Corbine shared their thoughts on how the Nation's soon to be established law enforcement agency can partner with and learn from, other agencies.

Explaining that the creation of a law enforcement agency is an extension of the Nation's sovereignty, Corbine stated that as the Nation's police force works with other agencies, there needs to be a clear definition of the role each agency will play. Because the Ho-Chunk police force will have to work with personnel from 14 different counties, she stressed the importance of learning how each county op-

erates and responds to different situations.

Gouge acknowledged that because working with 14 different counties "will be a real challenge," he recommends that the appointed Police Chief attend meetings and conferences throughout the 14 county area. "Create a network that allows you to put a name with a face," he advised.

Sinnott added that while the federal government is involved in only 16 percent of the criminal cases in Wisconsin, it can provide assistance when needed in investigations and often partners with other agencies.

With the Nation's law enforcement agency about to enter its infancy stage, Gouge and Sinnott shared their belief that along with working with other law enforcement agencies, the Nation's police force needs to work with other agencies and offices (Social Services, schools etc.) in each county.

When working with other agencies or with the community, both men stressed the need to keep people informed and let them know that you're there. Sinnott believed it's important to keep other agen-



Louis Gouge, Stephan Sinnott and Sheila Corbine discuss how the Nation's police work needs to build relationships with other agencies.

cies in the loop. "People not included in the sharing of information may not be so eager to help," he warned. Both men added that establishing mutual aid agreements with other agencies will allow the Nation's personnel to give and receive extra help when needed.

Gouge believes that sharing information benefits all, a benefit that Corbine feels is especially helpful when starting a new agency. "We will have the expertise and experiences of others to help us," she said.

Sinnott noted that as a law

enforcement agency becomes an extension of the Nation's sovereignty, law enforcement personnel need to establish a good relationship with the community. "We need to teach people the cops are out there to help them." Gouge agreed that building a relationship in the community is vital to the success of any police force. "I answer to everyone," he said. "I answer not to tribal government but to the community."

Moderator Jim Warren, a retired Administrator with the Division of Criminal Investigation for the Wisconsin De-

partment of Justice, added that the creation of its own police force is a historic step for the Nation. While the potential benefits are there, Warren warned that because it covers such a spread out area "policing the Nation will be a challenge." Because he believes that "law enforcement is more than about locking up the bad guys, it's about working with the community," Warren warned that to succeed, tribal politics cannot influence the law enforcement agency. "Keep politics out of law enforcement," he advised.

Osseo-Fairchild School District ordered to change its nickname and logo

School Board appeals decision

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Following a ruling issued by the Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) on July 27, the Osseo-Fairchild School District became the first school district in the state ordered to change a mascot, logo or nickname deemed unambiguously race-based. At its August 9 meeting, the School Board announced that it would appeal the ruling in Circuit Court.

Since 2004 the district has been using the image of Ho-Chunk ancestor Frank Thunder as a logo for its "Chieftains" nickname. Approved by the Thunder family, who live in the district, the "Chieftain Logo" is displayed in the high school gym, the basketball scorers' table, the football field grandstand, the baseball field billboard and the high school commons.

Earlier this year, the Wisconsin Legislature approved AB31 and SB21 (Wisconsin Act 250) designed to eliminate race-based nicknames, logos and mascots in Wisconsin Public School Districts. Though eliminating Native based nicknames and logos has been a goal of many individuals and organizations for years, provisions in the new law makes it easier. Under the law, any resident of the school district may complain to the State Superintendent of Public Schools if they feel a nickname, logo or mascot being used by the district is discriminatory. Once a complaint is filed, the school must prove otherwise. If it cannot prove that discrimination does not exist, the school district must change its nickname, mascot or logo within 12 months. Failure to do so will result in a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 a day.

On May 20, the DPI received a complaint signed by 15 local residents who alleged the "Chieftains" nickname and logo promoted discrimination, pupil harassment and stereotyping, violations of Section 118.134 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Among the issues raised by the complainants was that the district did not form a "Chieftain Ambassador Committee" to educate rival schools about the proud heritage and culture of Native people living in the district as required when the new logo was adopted in 2004. The lack of education, they claimed, led to numerous incidents of race-based taunting at various athletic events.

Responding to the district's argument that the "Chieftain Logo" is not race-based because it is the representation

of a real person, not a race of people, the DPI ruled that "while it is true that the logo is an artist's rendering of Mr. Thunder, it is equally true the district does not use the image as a representation of Mr. Thunder. The policy, which designated Mr. Thunder's image as the 'Chieftain Logo' does not mention Mr. Thunder. Mr. Thunder's name is not part of the logo. The district presented no evidence that students or visitors to the district, other than Mr. Thunder's descendants, consider the 'Chieftain Logo' to be a representation of Mr. Thunder. Likewise, the district did not present evidence it educates students or visitors to the district that the 'Chieftain



Logo' is a representation of Mr. Thunder, or who the flesh and blood Mr. Thunder was. The reasonable conclusion to draw from the facts is that the majority of the persons encountering the 'Chieftain Logo' see a representation of an American Indian in a feather headdress and nothing more. As such the 'Chieftain Logo' is properly considered race-based.

Stipulations in the new law allow that a district may use a nickname or logo if it has gained approval from a federally recognized American Indian Tribe to use a nickname or logo specific to that tribe.

The Osseo-Fairchild School Board argues that the "Chieftain Logo" is an artist's rendition of a person who was a member of a federally recognized tribe and the rendition is used with the family's permission.

The district pointed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 7-07-04C as evidence of tribal approval. The resolution states in part, "Each district of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall decide issues of offensive and demeaning school nicknames, logos, and mascots and those found offensive and demeaning shall be reported to the Legislature to take appropriate action and to voice to the school district the Nation's opposition to the negative and demeaning portrayal of Native American Indian people." The Nation has never officially reacted to the "Chieftains" nickname or mascot.

In response the DPI ruled that because the district did not present any evidence that any district of the Ho-Chunk Nation formally discussed the use of the "Chieftain Logo" or nickname, the DPI cannot accept the reasoning that permission from one Ho-Chunk family constitutes an approval of the Ho-Chunk Nation government.

Responding to the districts' claim that because the "Chieftain Logo" is used in a limited way, it does not promote discrimination, pupil harassment or stereotyping, the DPI challenged the districts' definition of "limited." The DPI noted that in addition to being displayed in five prominent locations throughout the district, the policy permits the use of the logo on clothing and requires merchandise sold in the school store to include items with the "Chieftain Logo." In the decision the DPI ruled "it is difficult to imagine a student in the district would not encounter the 'Chieftain Logo' on a daily basis when school is in session. Its use is not trivial."

Continuing that the district did not present any academic evidence to refute charges that the "Chieftains" name and logo were unambiguously race-based, the DPI ordered the Osseo-Fairchild to terminate its use on or before July 27, 2011. The Osseo-Fairchild School Board was given 20 days to appeal the decision.

At a public hearing held in Madison on July 29, supporters and critics of the law questioned how the law will be enforced and the potential costs associated with any forced changes that would remove a name, mascot or logo from athletic uniforms, district buildings, software and correspondence sent from the district.

Barb Munson with the Wisconsin Indian Education Association's Mascot and Logo Task Force stated that she believes the Osseo-Fairchild decision will create a domino effect that will result in school districts throughout Wisconsin eliminating racist words and images. She added that while she is pleased with the decision there is still work to be done. "The DPI needs to educate communities on why the legislature was needed," she said. "It's an educational policy issue."

Task Force member Robert Munson is concerned that a provision in the law allowing a district to keep its Indian name and logo is too vague. Currently a district may keep its name if it has the permission of a federally recognized tribe to do so. Citing the

Auburndale Apaches as a district making that claim, Robert Munson noted that because there are various branches of the Apaches the district needs to be more specific.

Osseo-Fairchild District resident Harvey Gunderson and his wife, Carol, have been advocating the district change its nickname and mascot for years. "Because the names aren't acceptable and people are being hurt," Harvey Gunderson believes "there is no room for compromise" when discussing the elimination of Indian nicknames and mascots. Though supporters of the names have long argued that they were chosen "to honor Indian people," Gunderson believes they were not chosen to honor Indians but to depict strength. "Honor was never mentioned." He agreed with Barb Munson that more

effort is needed educating communities on why the new law was needed.

Carol Gunderson, a member of the Oneida Nation, has no problem with the Thunder name. She is troubled with the image being used as a mascot. "If the family wants to honor him they should suggest renaming the school to Osseo-Fairchild Frank Thunder High School," she said. "I would have no problem with that."

Menomonee Falls High School "Indians" Athletic Director, David Petroff fears that being forced to change a name of logo would create financial burdens on school districts already experiencing reductions in state aid and facing budget deficits. He believes that if ordered to change, a district should be given time.

Schools with mascots

The Wisconsin Indian Education Association's Mascot and Logo Task Force reports that as of May 13, 2010, 30 Wisconsin schools have eliminated all American Indian references from a previously used race-based "Indian" nickname of logo. Thirty-five schools continue to use an "Indian" nickname or logo. While the Taskforce acknowledges that some schools have made positive changes, such as reducing or modifying usage, partial measures still leave the nickname and associated references as a race-based school stereotype targeting Native Americans.

Below are the Wisconsin schools still using what the Task Force believes are race-based "Indian" nicknames or logos. School/Nickname/Enrollment

- Auburndale Apaches-291
- Baldwin-Woodville Blackhawks-484
- Belmont Braves-108
- Berlin Indians-610
- Big Foot (Walworth) Chiefs-537
- Black Hawk (South Wayne) Warriors-145
- Cornell Chiefs-161
- Elmwood Raiders-109
- Ft. Atkinson Blackhawks-931
- Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Redmen-454
- Greenwood Indians-131
- Kewaskum Indians-746
- Kewaunee Indians-356
- Lake Holcombe Chieftains-143
- Lancaster Flying Arrows-323
- Menomonee Falls Indians-1547
- Menomonie Indians-1070
- Mishicot Indians-363
- Mosinee Indians-696
- Mukwonago Indians-1727
- Muskego Warriors-1688
- Osceola Chieftains-594
- Osseo-Fairchild Chieftains-307
- Ozaukee (Fredonia) Warriors-261
- Potosi Chieftains-145
- Prairie du Chien Blackhawks-434
- Rib Lake Redmen-159
- Riverdale (Muscodia) Chieftains-240
- Seneca Indians-93
- Shiocton Chiefs-222
- Stockbridge Indians-74
- Tomahawk Hatchets-525
- Waunakee Warriors-1121
- Weyauwega-Fremont Indians-359
- Winter Warriors-105
- Wisconsin Dells Chiefs-586

The total enrollment of these schools is 17,845.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JULY 20, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(EX)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(P)
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick Redeagle(P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established.

OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the agenda with the additions of Hwy 12 development and Veterans. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:
Legislative Meeting~ July 6, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the July 06, 2010 Legislative Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-0-4(**Rep. Greendeer, Rep. Walker, Jr., Rep. Decorah, & Rep. Redeagle**) **Motion Carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:
Development Committee Meeting~ July 7, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the July 7, 2010 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 7-0-3(**Rep. Blackdeer, Rep. Littlejohn, Rep. Redeagle**) **Motion Carried.**

Administration Committee Corrected Minutes~ June 10, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the June 10, 2010 Administration Committee Corrected Meeting Minutes. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

Administration Committee Meeting~ July 14, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table the Administration Committee meeting minutes until the afternoon. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Decorah**) **Motion Carried.**

Special Administration Committee Meeting~ July 19, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve July 19, 2010 Special Administration Committee meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Decorah**) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit

leaves the room at 10:45 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Wosga Leave Policy Update
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer that the Legislative Counsel send a letter to Traditional Court Members; Wayne Falcon and Morgan WhiteEagle regarding their input on the Wosga Leave for the Native American Church. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-1(**Rep. James Greendeer**) **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit was out of the room**)

Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit returns at 10:53 a.m.

Indigenous Games Update ~
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to travel to either Colorado Springs or Santa Fe, NM for 2011 Indigenous Games Board of Director's meeting. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-0-2(**Rep. Greendeer & Rep. Walker, Jr.**) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Decorah is excused at 11:08 a.m.

Agenda Amendment
MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to amend the agenda to address the Veteran's Affairs Department. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Veteran's Affairs Department ~ Robert Mann
Robert Mann was present to invite any interested Legislator to attend the Tribal Veterans Seminar on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at Ho-Chunk Casino.

Rep. Holst leaves the room at 11:08 a.m.

Rep. Walker, Jr. leaves the room at 11:10 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolution 07-20-10 A ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Land Lease Lot #3 Sand Pillow Village for Gale S. White.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Resolution 07-20-10 A ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Land Lease Lot #3 Sand Pillow Village for Gale S. White.** Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 7-0-0. **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Walker, Jr., & Rep. Holst were out of the room**)

Rep. Holst returns at 11:15 a.m.

Adoption of Resolution 07-20-10 B Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature support for the Health Department and Social Services to pursue a Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant from the Department of Health and Social Services.

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 07-20-10 B Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature support for the Health Department and Social Services to pursue a Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant from the Department of Health and Social Services.** Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Walker, Jr., was out of the room**)

Dells Dam update

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Dells Dam update until the afternoon. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room**)

Sewer Use Ordinance ~ Carol Rollins

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Sewer Use Ordinance until the afternoon. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room**)

Board of Directors ~ Department of Justice ~ Sheila Corbine

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to accept the nominations of Tracy Thundercloud, David James Whitehorse-Klauser and Rebecca Weise to the Ho-Chunk Nation Justice Department Board of Directors. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room**)

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 6-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Holst**) **Motion Carried.** **The meeting goes into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m.** (**Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room**)

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. returns at 11:47 a.m.

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to return to open session. Second by Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** **The meeting returns to open session at 12:22 p.m.**

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Recess

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** **The meeting recesses at 12:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)

Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(EX)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(EX)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(P)
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(2:06 p.m.)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(2:02 p.m.)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established.

NEW BUSINESS:
Dell Dam Update ~ Rep. Greg Blackdeer
Rep. Greg Blackdeer presented the committee with

pictures of the storm that hit Dells Dam.

Rep. Two Bears arrives at 2:02 p.m.
Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit arrives at 2:05 p.m.

Sewer Use Ordinance ~ Carol Rollins

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit that the Legislative Counsel, Paralegal and Staff compile information and public comments received from the areas regarding the Sewer Use Ordinance. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

District Concerns

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to address the Milwaukee District first as they are present. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 8-1(**Rep. Holst**)-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 4: **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion to have Legislator John Holst get information regarding Pat Schultz lay off status to the Office of the President and Language Division.

Rep. John Holst read, "for the record for John Holst to get an answer for previous motion by July 23, 2010."

FYI: Milwaukee supports the Dells area motion to support the Healing Center.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion that the Legislators investigate and reprimand Chairperson Judy Whitehorse to Legislative Counsel to review and respond to the proper procedure to file a complaint. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting minute motion that the money be given out for June 2010 area meeting to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** **Motion is Rescinded, Second concurs.**

District 1: **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to support the cancer support group in the amount of \$5992.00 to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to have Neil Whitegull present at the next District meeting to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion that have the area support the BRF boys basketball team and ask OOP Community Relations to purchase the warm up gear for the team to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to revisit the Pre-K thru 12 grant guidelines in reference to the computer purchases and reconciling checks given to the

parents to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to have lights placed on the corners of Highway 54 and County Road K as well as Mission Road and County Road K to the Office of the President and the BIA Roads program. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 2: **MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to keep all tribal members tax exempt status from the Tax Code, per the District 2/Tomah meeting minutes. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2/Tomah Meeting minute motion to cease and desist the organic farming project by Education on the Whirling Thunder Property until further notice, and immediately remove the tenant and trailer due to the Nation's Liability issues to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2/Tomah Meeting minute motion to request the Executive Director of Education to attend the next Tomah District Meeting to address the Organic Farming Issue at Whirling Thunder to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2/Tomah Meeting minute motion to request Garrett Blackdeer of BIA Roads to give an update on the BIA Roads project to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2/Tomah Meeting minute motion to have tribal members receive information prior to the Legislators voting on the issues to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2/Madison Meeting minute motion to have the Elder parking passes be made available for distribution at the Branch Offices to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/Madison Meeting minute concern regarding the Obama Health Care Concern to the Legislative Counsel's Office for review. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/La Crosse Meeting minute motion to have a feasibility study on putting wind turbines at Whirling Thunder to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Anthony J. Gauthier, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-25

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Anthony J. Gauthier

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Heather Green, Petitioner, v. Edward W. Cloud, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-22

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Edward W. Cloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Joseph Holmes, Petitioner, v. Elizabeth Eades, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-26

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Elizabeth Eades

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Dep't. of Business, Petitioner, v. Janet Muir, Respondent.
Case : CV 10-57

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: Janet Muir

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can result in a default judgment being entered against you.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

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Legislative minutes

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FYI: Michael Sallaway is now the GCA alternate for District 2/ La Crosse.

Rep. John Host read for the record the District 2/Baraboo motion to table the Healing Center until all resolutions regarding the Healing Center are researched and reviewed and that picking and choosing of certain resolutions does not happen.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting minute motion that the Legislator's check signing authority and request that separation of powers is researched and reviewed by General Council Agency to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting minute motion that the Legislature look into the hiring process of the Ho-Chunk Casino Personnel Department for HCN Youth/Summer Students including a timeline that reflects the process to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. John Holst read for the record that the Legislature give a written report on the status of the Badger Ammunition land transfer to the Ho-Chunk Nation at the next meeting in August.

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr to refer the District 3/Wittenberg Meeting minute motion to request Marie Lewis and all Wittenberg TAU Staff come to August area meeting to explain chain-of-command and job descriptions duties and responsibilities of the Wittenberg TAU bldg. staff to the Office of the

President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3/Wittenberg Meeting minute motion to have Todd Halveslaven come to August area meeting to discuss progress of Hwy 45 project to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 5: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer to District 5/Minneapolis /St. Paul Meeting minute motion to have the Treasurer come to the next Saint Paul Area V meeting to make a presentation of the balance sheet for the businesses that are running in the red to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick Redeagle. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Greg Littlejohn read for the record, "to reimburse all tribal members who provided receipts for food purchased by them for the July 15, 2010 St. Paul Area meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5/Minneapolis /St. Paul Meeting minute motion to investigate the on goings in the Area V of office to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick Redeagle. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5/Minneapolis /St. Paul meeting motion to investigate the on goings in the St. Paul branch office to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Conference Approval MOTION by Rep. Kathy Lone-Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any Legislator to attend the Greener Homes National Sum-

mit on September 8-10, 2010 in Reno, NV. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Quick Passage MOTION by Rep. Kathy Lone-Tree-Whiterabbit that Legislative Counsel, Michael Murphy prepare a Resolution for quick passage regarding the actions taken at the Special Administration Meeting on July 19, 2010. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr leaves the room at 3:26 p.m. Rep. Greg Littlejohn leaves the room at 3:27 p.m.

Hwy 12 Development MOTION by Rep. John Holst to schedule a meeting with the Hwy 12 Development representative and any interested Legislator, and Ho-Chunk Nation President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 4-1(**Rep. Greengrass**)-2(**Rep. Two Bears & Rep. Blackdeer**) **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Littlejohn & Rep. Walker, Jr. were out of the room**)

District 4 MOTION Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Meeting money for June 2010 for the Milwaukee area to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (**Rep. Littlejohn & Rep. Walker, Jr. were out of the room**)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn returns at 3:37 p.m.

Administration Committee Meeting Minutes ~ July 14, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Kathy Lone-Tree-Whiterabbit to table the Administration Committee Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2010 for two weeks. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 4-1(**Rep. Blackdeer**)-3(**Rep. Two Bears, Rep. Green-**

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Melissa Marg, Petitioner, v. Norman Snake Jr., Respondent.
Case : CS 10-28

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Norman Snake Jr.

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

grass, & Rep. Holst) Motion Carried. (Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room)

Executive Session: MOTION by Rep. Kathy Lone-Tree-Whiterabbit to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting goes into Executive Session at 3:37 p.m. (Rep. Walker, Jr. was out of the room)**

Rep. Walker, Jr. returns at 4:18 p.m.

Open Session MOTION by Rep. John Holst to return to open session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-1(**Rep. LoneTree-Whiterabbit**)-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting returns to Open Session at 5:40 p.m.**

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0

Motion Carried.

Adjournment MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting until August 3, 2010, the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary

Darcy Funmaker
Recording Secretary

GCA meets with BIA and creates historic roadmap to advance tribal sovereignty by eliminating Secretarial approval of HCN Constitutional amendments

Submitted by
General Council Agency

On July 30, 2010, GCA met with the BIA to resolve a longstanding problem created by the Secretarial approval process, which has delayed many General Council Resolutions seeking to change the HCN Constitution. Under the HCN Constitution, Art. XIII, Sec. 1. "[The] Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of Interior . . . no amendment shall become effective until approved by the Secretary of Interior or until deemed approved by the Secretary by operation of law."

GCA submitted a request for a Secretarial election in March 2009 amending several provisions of the HCN Constitution some dating back to 2005. The Nation has history of delays in getting a Secretarial elections approved by the BIA. The BIA acknowledges the delay and assets funding and lack of staff are the primary causes of the delay. According to David

Christenson, Tribal Operations Director for the BIA Midwest Regional Office responding to questions from GCA members, "I provide support for 38 other tribes with no support staff." Given the BIA's lack of funding, GCA and the BIA agreed that there is no way under the current system for the BIA to keep pace with constitutional revisions that come from the Ho-Chunk General Council annually, and that it makes sense to repeal the constitutional provision, which requires a Secretarial election to amend the Constitution. Mr. Christenson stated he "supported removing the Secretarial election requirement." If the repeal is successful, then constitutional amendments become an internal tribal matter. While other tribes across the country have repealed the Secretarial process, Ho-Chunk would become the first tribe within the Great Lakes Agency to repeal Secretarial approval for constitutional amendments.

GCA has resolution 9-13-08-7 that repeals the requirement for a Secretarial

election. Sherryl Lapointe stated that the Great Lakes Agency could review the resolution in as few as "two weeks" after submission, with legal review finished in four to six weeks if a single resolution was submitted for review. Thus, it is feasible that the Secretarial election approval process may be eliminated by September's General Council in 2011. Sherryl Lapointe pointed out that many of the concerns that the BIA would have with other tribes would not be a problem for Ho-Chunk because of the sophisticated tribal court system, and impressive Election Board.

GCA is working hard to make sure this Secretarial election requirement is repealed and will provide a detailed plan at General Council, and updates at community meetings. The following GCA Agents attended the meeting Marvin F. Decorah, Sr. (Chair, Wittenburg), Angie Waage (Black River Falls), Mathew Mullen (Chicago), Roger Thundercloud (Wisconsin Dells), Roberta Funmaker (Wisconsin Dells), Lenora Smith



Back Row: Dave Christensen, Tribal Operations Officer Midwest Regional Office; Sherryl LaPointe, Tribal Operations Specialist; Matthew Mullen, GCA Vice-Chairman and GCA Agent from Chicago; Roger Thundercloud, GCA Agent from Wisconsin Dells; Michelle De Cora, GCA Agent from La Crosse and GCA Office Administrator; Marvin Decorah Sr., GCA Chairman and GCA Agent from Wittenburg; Rosetta Hunt, GCA Agent from Minneapolis/St. Paul; John Swimmer, GCA Attorney.

Front Row: Lenora Smith, GCA Alternate from Wisconsin Rapids; Muriel 'Milly' Whiteagle-Lee, GCA Agent from Milwaukee; Angie Waage, GCA Treasurer and GCA Agent from Black River Falls; Kim Bouchard, Acting Superintendent BIA Great Lakes Agency; Pine Giroux, GCA Advocate.

sin Dells), Lenora Smith (Wisconsin Rapids), Milly Whiteagle-Lee (Milwaukee), Rosetta Hunt (Minneapolis), Michelle De Cora (LaCrosse); General Council Advocate, Pine Giroux, and Attorney John S. Swimmer.

For more information please contact Michelle De Cora at 715-284-1075.

[This press release has been reviewed by GCA Attorney John S. Swimmer, and approved for publication by GCA motion0]

GENERAL COUNCIL

REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY FOR GENERAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION _ _ _ _ _

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Constitution"), formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (a), the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (b), the General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret actions of the Legislature. The General Council does not retain the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (c), the General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (e), the General Council retains the power to call a Special Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 (f), action by the General Council shall be binding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5, and Article VI Section 2 (j), an Annual meeting has been duly called and notice duly given by the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, General Council hereby moves to amend the constitution Article IV, Section delegating authority to General Council Agency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED General Council requests that the Nation's Constitution is amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL COUNCIL

Section 2. Delegation of Authority. The General Council hereby authorizes the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V. The General Council hereby authorizes the executive branch to enforce the laws and administer funds in accordance with Article VI. The General Council hereby authorizes the judicial branch to interpret and apply the laws and Constitution of the Nation in accordance with Article VII. [General Council hereby authorizes General Council Agency to act as an administrative agency to carry out the directives of General Council. General Council Agency bylaws are hereby recognized as establishing General Council Agency.]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature shall provide funds for the election, and that General Council Agency is expressly delegated the authority to request an appropriation of funds from the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, General Council vests the General Council Agency with all powers necessary implement this resolution. This power of attorney expressly vests the General Council Agency with the following powers:

To request a Secretarial election on behalf of General Council,
To provide comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the resolutions,
To establish dates and times to hold the election,
To serve on the federal Election Board,
To decide the order of any proposed Secretarial elections,
To meet with officials from the BIA,
To attend any and all meetings as necessary,
To bring suit on behalf of the Nation against the Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Attorney General, GCA Attorney, or outside counsel as necessary,
To perform all ministerial acts necessary to conduct the Secretarial election,
To enter into contracts and hire employees,
These powers shall continue until repealed by General Council.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of ___ members, of whom ___ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the ___ day of ___, 2010, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of ___ members, ___ opposed, and ___ abstaining, pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Secretary
General Council Agency, Chair

Date
Date

Language Division sponsors immersion camp

Submitted by
Leah Thompson - Language
Division Project Manager

Beginning in June, Ho-Chunk members wanting to learn the Hocak Language had the opportunity to attend a "Language Apprentice Immersion Camp" held at the Whirling Thunder Ranch near Tomah. Division of Language Manager Richard Mann stated that although the camp was geared toward those in the Apprentice Program everyone was welcome to participate with the stipulation that no English be spoken.

The Language Division philosophy for the summer camp was to provide a total immersion for apprentices to increase knowledge of the Hocak Language and to one day use those acquired skills to become our future speakers and instructors.

Camp was held from June 14-July 2 and from August 2-August 13. Before the camp started each participant's level of language skill was evaluated. They will be

reevaluated at the completion of camp, a measure of what they have learned.

Activities included learning about fire and all that it entails, Hocak values which include respecting the Ho-Chunk way of life and diverse beliefs. A range of daily activities were conducted using the Hocak Language. The accompanying pictures show participants giving directions, in Hocak, to a person wearing a blindfold. Without vision, the person relied on their knowledge of the language to reach their destination.

Because language is a major part of the culture the apprentices wanted to learn more about kinship. The Department of Social Services generously allowed Myrtle Long to teach a group of eager learners.

The camp is an extension of President Cleveland's 2008 proclamation, declaring that year as **Ma Hocak Hoit'era**, (The year of the Ho-Chunk language.)



Apprentices attending the camp included: Front (l-r): Anna Long Tail, Terry Lujan, Bonnie Bird and Jessi Cleveland. Middle (l-r): Dana DeBoer, Hinu Smith, Joy Littlejohn. Third row (l-r): Rita Kingswan, Carlyle Greendeer, Jerod Stacy, Shane YellowThunder and Arlene Blackdeer. Participants not pictured include Apprentice Ken Littlegeorge, Jr., Junior Apprentices-Trenton Littlegeorge and Winter Smith and Caroline Frenchman and Elaine from Nebraska Renaissance.



A blindfolded Jerod Stacy listens well as (L-R) Carlyle Greendeer, Bonnie Bird, and Anna Longtail cheer for completing their task.



(L-R) Hinu Smith, Rita Kingswan, and Ona Garvin help Trenton Littlegeorge find his way to an apple on the ground.



(L-R) Lisa Pesavento, Rita Kingswan, Winter Smith and Dana DeBoer instruct a blindfolded Shane YellowThunder.

Report:

Falls are now the most common cause of injury-related deaths in Wisconsin

Submitted By
Beth Kaplan,
State of Wisconsin
Department of Health
Services

State health officials today reported that deaths from falls have surpassed both motor vehicle crashes and suicide as the most common cause of injury related deaths in Wisconsin. According to the new report, The Burden of Falls in Wisconsin, unintentional falls caused 918 deaths compared to 581 deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes.

"People know that car crashes kill, but may not think about falls," said Department of Health Services Secretary Karen Timberlake. "With more deaths associated with falls than with car crashes, it's clear we have a lot of work to

do."

According to the report, serious injuries resulting from unintentional falls crossed several demographic lines. While a large majority of fall-related deaths (87%) and inpatient hospitalizations (70%) involved seniors, fall-related emergency department visit rates for young males age 14 and younger was nearly identical to that of males 65 and older.

Other report highlights include:

- Hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to falls result in \$800 million in hospital charges each year in Wisconsin.
- More than 70% of the costs for fall-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits are paid by

government insurance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

• Some 40% of those admitted to a nursing home had a fall in the 30 days prior to admission.

"It is time to get serious about the significant impact of falls in Wisconsin and the only way to do it is through prevention. Traffic deaths didn't go down on their own, they went down thanks to prolonged efforts on motor vehicle and highway safety. We need the same effort on falls prevention," Timberlake added.

Both the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health contributed to the report. Dr. Steve Hargarten, Emergency

Medicine Physician and Director of the Injury Research Center at MCW added,

"There is evidence that communities, health care organizations and public health agencies can effectively reduce falls; however, we need a committed statewide effort in Wisconsin to make an impact."

Director of the new Wisconsin Institute on Healthy Aging has recommended the following prevention efforts for Wisconsin seniors.

- Begin a regular exercise program to improve your balance
- Have your health care provider review your medicines
- Have your vision checked
- Make your home safer

Dr. Mahoney cautions that improving your homes safety is not enough and a combination of these four strategies is most effective to reduce your risk of a fall.

For additional information about fall prevention or programs in your community:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/InjuryPrevention/FallPrevention/falls.htm>

Local/tribal aging units - <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/contacts/coagof.htm>

ADRC - <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ltcare/adrc/>

CDC - <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandcommunity/safety/falls/index.html>

Introducing Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Workers

Waverly Bird, Youth Worker

Aaron Stumblingbear

Aaron Stumblingbear is going to be a sophomore at the Black River Falls High School and is working for the DNR department under the supervision of Edward Blackdeer. This is his second year with the youth worker program and because he had fun last year, he returned to the DNR Department. He said he didn't want to sit home all summer and "become fat" so he decided to work.

Some of the job responsibilities Aaron has had this summer were to help cut down trees, clear brush, and help clean up fallen trees a tornado left behind in Dells Dam. Even though he likes his job and it can be really hot at times, Aaron only wants to work in the DNR department for a summer job for something to do and to earn a little cash.



Thomas Redbird

Thomas Redbird is going to be a freshman at the Black River Falls High school this coming fall and also works under the supervision of Edward Blackdeer in the DNR Department. Some of his job duties also involved cutting down trees, clearing brush, and removing fallen trees after a tornado went through Dells Dam.

Thomas wanted to work in the DNR department because he thought it would be a cool experience and because he also wanted the money. Thomas can see himself working in this department in his future and said, "It's fun and I wouldn't be sitting around all day in an office."



Cody Winneshiek

Cody Winneshiek is going to be a freshman at the Black River Falls High School in the Fall, 2010. As a youth worker, he currently works in the Heritage and Preservation/Cultural Resources Department located in the Tribal Office Building. Cody said, "I chose to work this summer because I need money to get the little things I need."

This is his first summer working for the Summer Youth Program that the Ho-Chunk Nation provides through the Labor Department. Cody chose that department because he knew everyone in it, like his supervisor Ira Anderson, and he knew he would get along well with them. Cody does not see himself working in that department in the future, and although it can be boring some days, he is gaining experience with filing and customer service skills by answering the phones.

Manuel Carriaga

Manuel Carriaga is going to be a junior at Riverside Indian School located in Oklahoma and this isn't his first year working for the Ho-Chunk Youth Summer Program but it is his first year working for the car shop downtown in Black River Falls.

Manuel likes the job so much he thinks it's awesome. He's had the opportunity to change mufflers, tires, oil, and balance wheels. He wanted to work at the car shop because he didn't know anything about cars and wanted to learn a little bit about them. Manuel wanted to do the summer youth program because he wanted to keep himself busy and get paid like everyone else. Unfortunately Manuel doesn't see himself working with cars in the future and it's just a summer job for him.



Maleana Cloud

Maleana is working in the Treasury Department and like many of the other youth workers; this is her first year with the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth program. She will be entering the Black River Falls High School as a freshman in the Fall, 2010. Throughout the day, Maleana stays very busy while dealing with cash, checks and the opportunity to learn a little bit about accounting.

Maleana's mother, Jessica Cloud thought it would be a good idea for her to participate in the youth program and suggested the Treasury Department because she knew she would enjoy it. Maleana also thought it would be a good idea and said, "It's also something to do in the summer." Maleana can see herself working in the Treasury Department in the future department when she's older with her current supervisor, Gale Youngthunder.

Winter Smith

Winter Smith will be attending the Black River Falls High School in the fall, and is a veteran to the youth worker program. In 2009 he worked in Mauston but this year he is working under the supervision of Elliot Garvin with the Language Department.

Winter had the opportunity to be involved with the Ho-Chunk Nation Immersion Camp held at Whirling Thunder and will be heading to Neillsville next. While working under his Choka Elliot, Winter is learning how to speak Ho-Chunk words and phrases. He said he chose to work in language because he couldn't understand anyone. Winter can see himself working in language in the future to help other children and adults learn to speak Ho-Chunk.



Trenton Littlegeorge

Trenton Littlegeorge will be attending the Tomah High School and is working under the supervision of Chloris Lowe, Sr. for a second year in a row at The Whirling Thunder Daycare. Trenton has fun working for the daycare and he gets to work with little kids sometimes and learns the Ho-Chunk language with Chloris.

He chose to work with Chloris again because he enjoys the Ho-Chunk language and gets to learn more of the Ho-Chunk language. Trenton can see himself working for Whirling Thunder Daycare in the future, working with children and teaching others to speak the sacred Ho-Chunk language.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veterans Affairs

Wisconsin's official "Welcome Home" to our Vietnam Veterans has been called a great success by veterans, family members, and a community honored to host the overdue recognition of those who served in Vietnam and during the Vietnam era. An estimated 70,000 people attended over the three days of the LZ Lambeau event. More than 26,000 tickets were dispersed for the special Saturday evening Tribute event. And despite the rain, 1,244 motorcycles participated in the LZ Lambeau Honor Ride to Lambeau Field to pay tribute to the Wisconsin service people who were killed in action or are still missing in action.

Thanks to some enthusiastic LZ Lambeau Volunteers and Allies from Green Bay there is going to be a Post- LZ Lambeau Picnic.

As a proud sponsor of the LZ Lambeau event, the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Division of Veterans Affairs received an invitation to this picnic. We are delighted to extend this invitation to all the Ho-Chunk veterans, tribal members, and employees who attended or who weren't able to attend the LZ Lambeau event about this picnic. Hope to see you there.

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For hundreds of years, a powwow has been a gathering of Native people travelling from afar who stop and socialize with family members, meet new friends, try traditional foods, and enjoy some good singing and dancing over a two to three day period.

Every powwow that takes place has many dancers from young to old gracing the floor with their swift moves and elegance in their particular style of dance. Like any other sport or hobby, the only way to be good at something is to keep doing it, learn from your mistakes, and do it again.

Ho-Chunk tribal member, Paul Cloud has been dancing for years. His jaji Edward Cloud, and nani Ruth cloud

always said, "if you're going to dance, you need to wear the right stuff and don't go into it halfway. Do it because you want to, and have fun."

During Paul's later teen years, the draft began for the Vietnam War and his number was picked. He went to Fort Campbell, Kentucky for Basic Training and then on to Fort Lewis, Washington for Advanced Infantry Training before being deployed to Vietnam. Like many other young soldiers, he witnessed a lot during his time in Vietnam, and has suffered from the affects of war.

Today, Vietnam Veteran Paul Cloud has learned to fight his battles in a good way. Singing and dancing have kept him staying positive. The desire, drive, and motivation to keep going have



Vietnam Veteran, Paul Cloud (far right) represents the Ho-Chunk Nation as Head Veteran during the Saturday afternoon session at the 2010 Keshena Powwow.



Victory song for the "Champion of Champions" special sponsored by Paul Cloud. (L-R) Jancita Warrington - Traditional (3rd place), Danielle Marks - Fancy (2nd place), Candace Johnson - Jingle (1st place), Rose Cloud, Paul Cloud, Eric Hawpetoss - Fancy (3rd place), Peanut Roberts - Grass (2nd place), Yahsti Perkins Killer - Traditional (1st place).

helped conquer the affects of war.

As a veteran, Paul Cloud has been honored many times and at many other events where he has had to tell his story either by participating as Head Male Dancer, feathering ceremonies, picking up of eagle feathers that have dropped to the ground, or Head Veteran, among other events.

Each year, Cloud travels to the Keshena powwow. The Menominee people have always been good to him and in return he wanted to give something back. For the past year, Cloud has been gathering items for certain individuals he wanted to acknowledge

that have helped him along the way.

Cloud sponsored a "Champion of Champions" special that took place at the 2010 Keshena powwow held August 6-8. Each dance category had one finalist represented by a Women's Traditional dance, Jingle dress dancer, and Fancy dancer, and one Men's finalist from each of the categories as well: Traditional, Grass, and Fancy. Once chosen, they were automatic winners in the final dance-off to determine first, second, and third which took place on Sunday.

Cloud often states his appreciation for the military nurses and letters from home

that help soldiers get through their struggles during service. Without the military personnel in the country serving with pride, each and every day, we would not be able to gather and celebrate with each other the way we do.

A special thank you goes to Elena Greendeer for making such beautiful star quilt blankets. A heartfelt appreciation for family travelling many miles from Winnebago, NE to help assist with the special event, other family present, those that helped, Pam and Bill Winneshiek, and Johanna Bruns for the donation.

"All thanks go to all of the veterans from the past, present, and the future."

What a ride!

Did you know the Ho-Chunk Nation has a bull rider in the midst?

Waverly Bird
Youth Worker

Ho-Chunk Tribal member Mike Smith, 477 Federal Program Intake worker with the HCN Labor Department, participated in the bull riding event held July 30, 2010 at the Annual Jackson County Fair.

Smith started riding with Mid-States Rodeo Association from 1996 through 2001 but this year he rode with the Minnesota Rodeo Association of 2010. Smith got interested in bull riding because he once rode a mechanical bull and he thought someday he'd try the real thing. Smith is from Nebraska so he didn't have to travel far to get a bull ride, there were rodeos every weekend around Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, and Missouri. Mike would practice in Tekamah, Nebraska because like all other sports you have to practice if you want to be good.

Bull riding can be a fun sport but it also can be very dangerous, just ask Mike. He has already broken his arm, right shoulder, three of his ribs, almost broke both of his knees and got kicked in the face once with the sport of bull riding.

To bull ride you have to stay in shape and stretch all the time and work out a lot. Even though bull riding is a dangerous sport you can win a lot of cash ranging from \$500 to \$1000. It all depends on the size of the rodeo.

Smith said proudly, "turning 40 I needed to prove to myself that 40 is not really that old. I needed to get up on that bull and go one more Go-Round. I rode two bulls in the Jackson County Rodeo and lost a chance to go a third time. But now I can say I did it one last time."



Mike Smith riding a bull at the Jackson County Fair.